

# Application for Elderly and Disabled Vehicle Permits for Northampton's Residential Recycling Programs

The purpose of this application is to allow access to the Locust Street Recycling Center and the Glendale Road Recycling Center to non-resident caregivers so that they can provide recycling and waste management services for elderly and disabled residents within the City.

The Northampton Department of Public Works has authorized the Northampton Council on Aging to issue these vehicle permits to caregivers on behalf of Northampton residents who meet one of the following criteria:

- 1) Anyone 62 years or over living in Northampton, Massachusetts, and who is dependent upon others for transportation.

NOTE: Persons that meet these criteria must be listed on the current census list for the City of Northampton or provide copies of acceptable documents as proof of age and residency.

- 2) Disabled persons who meet the following functional disability criteria, and who are dependent upon others for transportation:
  - Anyone who uses a wheelchair or a walker;
  - Anyone who uses crutches or a long leg brace;
  - Anyone who cannot use stairs or escalators;
  - Anyone who cannot stand due to loss of balance or coordination;
  - Anyone who cannot read informational signs or steps;
  - Anyone who cannot hear announcements or communicate;
  - Anyone who needs supervision due to a developmental disability or a mental disorder;
  - Anyone who has significant difficulty, either physical, mental and/or psychological, as determined by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist.

NOTE: Disabled persons who meet the functional disability criteria above must submit copies of one of the following as proof:

- Certification by the U.S. Veterans Administration at 70%, or more, legally blind;
- Certification by the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind as being legally blind;
- Certification by the U.S. Department of Health/Human Services as 80%, or more, disability level;
- Certification by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Programs for kidney dialysis;
- Certification by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission as mentally deficient or mentally Disabled;
- Certification by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as Category 3 or 7
- A MassHealth I.D. Card that can be verified and classified as 01-SSI/Aged, 03-SSI/Disabled, 05-MA/Aged, or 07-MA/Disabled;
- Written certification by a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist that the applicant requires assistance for recycling and waste management services.

NOTE: Eligibility cannot be based solely on pregnancy, obesity, drug, or alcohol impairment.

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## Applicant Information

Name_____	
Street Address_____	
Day time phone number_____	Date of Birth_____
Qualifying Criteria (for example, senior citizen or disabled person without own transportation) _____	
Do you own or rent your dwelling?_____	
How much trash do you generate each week? (for example, two grocery-sized bags) _____	
Do you expect to do any major house clean-outs this year?_____	
Do you need information about the proper disposal of special or medical wastes?_____	

## Caregiver Information

Name_____		
Street Address_____		
City_____	State_____	Zip Code_____
Day time phone number_____	Evening phone number_____	
Vehicle Make, Model and Year_____		
Vehicle License Plate Number_____		

Please submit the following to Pattrica Shaughnessy, Director and ADA Coordinator, Northampton Council on Aging, 240 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060:

\_\_\_ Completed application form

\_\_\_ A \$2.00 check (made out to the "City of Northampton")

\_\_\_ Proof of Eligibility for handicapped persons (see reverse for acceptable documentation)

These may be mailed or delivered directly to the COA office (Monday-Friday 9am-4pm). Upon receipt of all necessary materials, the Council on Aging will process the application and mail the vehicle permit to the applicant within two weeks. If the application is not approved, the Council on Aging will mail a letter to the applicant explaining the reason(s) for denial and process for appeals. Please direct any questions concerning this application to Karen Bouquillon, Waste Management Supervisor (413-587-1284, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm)

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_